

Appl. No. 9/639,868
Amendment dated June 14, 2004
Reply to Office Action of September 13, 2004

Amendments to the Drawings:

To eliminate duplicate reference numerals, submitted herewith is a new formal drawing for Figure 16 in which reference numeral "244" (referred to by the Examiner as the squiggly reference numeral near the left-hand of the drawing) has been changed to "224." We also submit an annotated sheet showing this change.

To eliminate duplicate reference numerals, submitted herewith is new formal drawing for Figure 27 in which reference numeral "601" has been changed to "612b." We also submit an annotated sheet showing this change.

It has been noted that what is indicated as "611" in Figure 27 actually appears to be the "o-ring" which was indicated as 613 in the specification. The reference numeral "611" was not mentioned in the specification. Therefore, to make the drawing and specification conform, it is proposed to change 611 in Figure 27 to the "613" used in the specification. An annotated drawing of Fig. 27 shows the change from "611" to "613" is enclosed along with the above replacement sheet which shows "613."

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REMARKS

In the first portion of this Rule 312 Amendment as to the specification, Applicants submit this amendment to cancel a minor omission of the Figure number "11" on page 13, line 1 of the specification. The amendment is not new matter as the drawing clearly supports the amendment.

As to the amendment of the drawing, Applicants correct duplicate reference numerals in Fig. 16 by change to 224 and in Fig. 24 by change to 612b.

The undersigned explains to the Examiner that this case was prepared by another attorney, Sten Hakanson and his files transferred to the undersigned. Unfortunately, in Mr. Hakanson's copy of the approved drawing amendments, he did not retain a copy of the sheet with Figure 27 thereon. So the undersigned had been somewhat in the "dark" as to what exactly had been approved for the addition of the "o-ring" 613 to Figure 27. Therefore, in addition, the undersigned had sought to obtain from the Office a copy of the approved change so as to make the approved change. Attempts to contact the Examiner and his Supervisor were unsuccessful. Therefore, the undersigned proposes to make the correction in alternative ways of: (1) changing the reference numeral "611" which appears to indicate the o-ring referred to in the specification as "613" or (2) deleting reference numeral "613" from the specification. Either of these alternatives would appear to solve the problem and make the drawings conform to the specification.

As to the o-ring 613 and the reference numeral 612 in Fig. 27, Applicants propose to correct the inconsistency.

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Should the Examiner feel it would be beneficial to discuss this case, please telephone the undersigned and the undersigned will call the Examiner shortly after filing this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Piontek", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a horizontal line underneath it.

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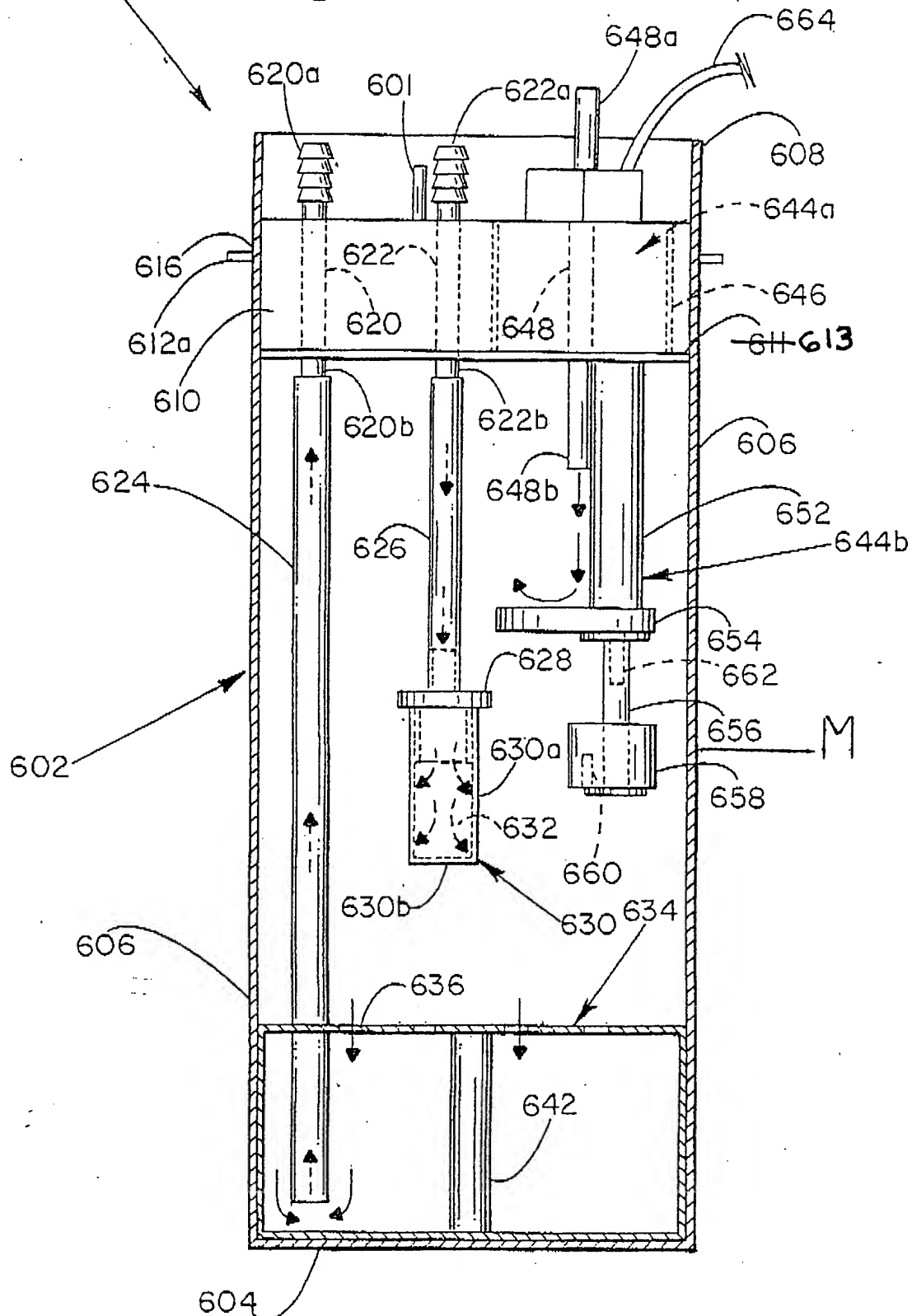




Fig.-16

